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FM AMEMBASSY MANILA

TO AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA

AMEMBASSY TAIPEI

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE

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SUBJ: PHILIPPINE AIRCRAFT DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES

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1. ON APRIL 26 EMBASSY SENT DIPLOMATIC NOTE TO  
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT REQUESTING CONTINGENCY  
DIPLOMATIC CLEARNCES FOR FOURTEEN AIR AMERICA  
AIRCRAFT THEN LOCATED IN SAIGON INCLUDING A C-46  
WITH REGISTRATION N67985. THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT  
GRANTED THE REQUEST THE SAME DAY.

2. ON MAY 9 THE EMBASSY SENT ANOTHER DIPLOMATIC  
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NOTE TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT REQUESTING  
DIPLOMATIC CLEARNACE FOR THREE AIR AMERICA AIRCRAFT

WHICH HAD BEEN EVACUATED FROM SAIGON TO BANGKOK INCLUDING THE SAME C-46 PARA 1. THE CLEARANCE WAS GIVEN MAY 10. AS IS GENERALLY KNOWN AND WIDELY PUBLICIZED, THESE CLEARANCES ARE VALID FOR 24 HOURS ONLY.

3. ON MAY 20 THE AIR AMERICA C-46 (PARAI) ENTERED PHILIPPINE AIRSPACE AND WAS ORDERED TO LAND AT MANILA. THE AIRCRAFT COMPLIED AND HAS BEEN IMPOUNDED BY THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT. THE CREW HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT THEY MAY NOT LEAVE THE PHILIPPINES UNTIL THE MATTER OF THE AIRCRAFT HAS BEEN RESOLVED.

4. THIS IS THE LATEST IN A LONG SERIES OF INCIDENTS (REFTELS) INVOLVING CIVIL AIRCRAFT ENTERING PHILIPPINE AIRSPACE WITHOUT PROPER CLEARANCE OR LANDING AT U.S. MILITARY BASES WITHOUT CLEARANCE TO DO SO. THERE IS AMPLE REASON, THEREFORE, FOR THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT TO BE UPSET AT THIS POINT, BECAUSE OF THE PROFLIGATE USE OF PHILIPPINE AIRSPACE, SEEMINGLY WITHOUT THOUGHT FOR PHILIPPINE REGULATIONS BY US REGISTERED AIRCRAFT.

5. ALL ADDRESSEES ARE REMINDED A PHILIPPINE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE MUST BE REQUESTED THROUGH THE EMBASSY AT LEAST SEVEN WORKING DAYS PRIOR TO THE INTENDED DATE OF ENTRY INTO PHILIPPINE AIRSPACE. ONCE GRANTED AS NOTED ABOVE A PHILIPPINE DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE IS VALID FOR 24 HOURS. ANY CHANGES TO EITHER THE SCHEDULE OR THE INFORMATION REQUIRED MUST BE RELAYED TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT BY THE EMBASSY.

8. FOLLOWING IS THE INFORMATION CURRENTLY REQUIRED BY THE PHILIPPINE AIR FORCE BEFORE APPROVAL OF A DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE WILL BE GRANTED.

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THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED  
BY THE HEADQUARTERS 1ST AIR DIVISION, PHILIPPINE  
AIR FORCE BEFORE A REQUEST FOR DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCE  
IS ACTED UPON.

1. IDENTIFICATION

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1. NATIONAL REGISTRY

2. AIRLINE COMPANY

3. TYPE OF AIRCRAFT

4. TAIL NUMBERS

II. FLIGHT PLAN

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1. PLANNED ROUTE

2. ETD (TO INCLUDE POINT OF DEPARTURE, TIME AND DATE)

3. TIME OF PENETRATION OF PADIZ AND ESTIMATES OVER CHECKPOINTS

4. NAME OF CREW AND THEIR NATIONALITY

5. PURPOSE OF FLIGHT

6. NUMBER OF PASSENGERS ON BOARD

III. A CERTIFICATION FROM THE OPERATIONS OFFICER OR THE  
REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AIRLINE CONCERNED TO THE EFFECT:

1. THAT THE AIRCRAFT WILL FOLLOW THE APPROVED ROUTES.

2. THAT THIS AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED ONLY FOR THE PURPOSE STATED  
IN THE REQUEST.

3. THAT WHILE FLYING OVER PHILIPPINE TERRITORY, WILL MAINTAIN  
RADIO CONTACT WITH CAA FACILITIES AND WILL FOLLOW INSTRUCTIONS.

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4. THAT WHEN INTERCEPTED BY AIR DEFENSE INTERCEPTOR PLANES,  
WILL FOLLOW ORDERS.

6. COMMENT AND ACTION REQUESTED:

THE INCIDENTS ALLUDED TO IN THIS MESSAGE AS WELL AS  
THE C-46 PRESENTLY IMPOUNDED HAVE MADE DOING BUSINESS  
IN THE NORMAL MANNER WITH THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT  
VIRTUALLY IMPOSSIBLE. LEGITIMATE REQUESTS THAT IN  
THE PAST WOULD HAVE HAVE RECEIVED CLEARANCE IN DUE  
COURSE ARE BEING REJECTED OUT OF HAND. THE EMBASSY  
HAS SPENT AN INORDINATE AMOUNT OF TIME TRYING TO  
STRAIGHTEN THESE MATTERS OUT AND HAS EXHAUSTED PATIENCE.  
HENCEFORTH, ANY REQUEST THAT DOES NOT COMPLY WITH  
PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT  
BE ACTED UPON BY THIS EMBASSY AND THE AIRCRAFT OWNER  
WILL BE REMINDED OF THE REGULATIONS. THE DEPARTMENT

IS REQUESTED TO DISSEMINATE THE PHILIPPINE REGULATIONS  
TO ALL DIPLOMATIC AND CONSULAR POSTS AND FAA IS BEING  
REQUESTED BY SEPTTEL TO ISSUE A NOTAM SPECIFYING THE  
PHILIPPINE REGULATIONS.

7. AS FOR THE C-46 NOW IN MANILA THE EMBASSY WILL WORK  
WITHIN THE CONSTRAINTS IT NOW FACES TO DO WHAT IS  
POSSIBLE TO UNRAVEL THE MESS.  
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